

Potpourri

POTPOURRI

Department of Agriculture and Forestry Horticulture Commission

Annual Quarantine Listing? 2004

In accordance with LAC 7:XV.107 and 109, we are hereby publishing the annual quarantine.

Sweetpotato Weevil

(*Cylas formicarius elegantulus* Sum)

(a) In the United States: the states of Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and any other state found to have the sweetpotato weevil.

(b) In the State of Louisiana

(1) The entire parishes of: Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, Cameron, DeSoto, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Grant, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Natchitoches, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Red River, Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana.

Pink Bollworm

(*Pectinophora gossypiella* Saunders)

Pink bollworm quarantined areas are divided into generally infested and/or suppressive areas as described by USDA-PPQ.

Arizona

(1) Generally infested area: the entire state.

California

(1) Generally infested area: the entire counties of: Imperial, Inyo, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego.

(2) Suppressive area: the entire counties of: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Benito, and Tulare.

Nevada

(1) Generally infested area: the entire counties of Clark and Nye.

(2) Suppressive area: none.

New Mexico

(1) Generally infested area: the entire state.

Texas

(1) Generally infested area: the entire state.

Phytophagous Snails

The states of Arizona and California.

Sugarcane Pests and Diseases

All states outside Louisiana.

Lethal Yellowing

The states of Florida and Texas.

Tristeza, Xyloporosis, Psorosis, Exocortis

All citrus growing areas of the United States.

Burrowing Nematode

(*Radopholus similis*)

The States of Florida and Hawaii and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Oak Wilt

(*Ceratocystis fagacearum*)

Arkansas

(1) Infected counties: Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Clay, Craighead, Crawford, Franklin, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Johnson, Lawrence, Logan, Madison, Marion, Mississippi, Nevada, Newton, Poinsett, Pope, Randolph, Scott, Searcy, Sharp, Stone, Washington, and Yell.

Illinois

(1) Entire state.

Indiana

(1) Entire state.

Iowa

(1) Entire state.

Kansas

(1) Infected counties: Anderson, Atchison, Cherokee, Doniphan, Douglas, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Leavenworth, Linn, Miami, Neosho, Pottawatomie, Shawnee, and Wyandotte.

Kentucky

(1) Infected counties: Adair, Allen, Ballard, Bath, Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Breckinridge, Bullitt, Butler, Caldwell, Calloway, Carter, Casey, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Daviess, Edmonson, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Floyd, Graves, Grayson, Green, Greenup, Hancock, Hardin, Harlan, Hart, Henderson, Hopkins, Jefferson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Logan, McCracken, McLean, Magoffin, Marshall, Martin, Menifee, Metcalfe, Montgomery, Morgan, Muhlenberg, Nelson, Ohio, Oldham, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Rowan, Russell, Taylor, Todd, Trigg, Union, Warren, Wayne, and Webster.

Maryland

(1) Infected Counties: Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington.

Michigan

(1) Infected counties: Barry, Barrien, Calhoun, Cass, Clare, Clinton, Grand Traverse, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lake, Livingston, Manistee, Missaukee, Muskegon, Oakland, Roscommon, St. Joseph, Van Buren, Washtenaw, Wyne, and Menominee.

Minnesota

(1) Infected counties: Anoka, Aitkin, Blue Earth, Carver, Cass, Chicago, Crow Wing, Dakota, Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Hennepin, Houston, Le Sueur, McLeod, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Mower, Nicollet, Olmsted, Ramsey, Rice, Scott, Sherburne, Sibley, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca, Washington, Winona, and Wright.

Missouri

(1) Entire state.

Nebraska

(1) Infected counties: Cass, Douglas, Nemaha, Otoe, Richardson, and Sarpy.

North Carolina

(1) Infected counties: Buncombe, Burke, Haywood, Jackson, Lenoir, Macon, Madison, and Swain.

Ohio

(1) Entire state.

Oklahoma

(1) Infected counties: Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Delaware, Haskell, Latimer, LeFlore, Mayes, McCurtain, McIntosh, Ottawa, Pittsburg, Rogers, Sequoyah, and Wagoner.

Pennsylvania

(1) Infected counties: Adams, Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Centre, Clarion, Clinton, Cumberland, Erie, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Juniata, Lawrence, Mifflin, Perry, Somerset, Venango, Washington, and Westmoreland.

South Carolina

(1) Infected counties: Chesterfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, and Richland.

Tennessee

(1) Infected Counties: Blount, Carter, Cocke, Cumberland, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hardeman, Hawkins, Jefferson, Knox, Lincoln, Loudon, Montgomery, Rhea, Roane, Robertson, Sevier, Sullivan, Union, Washington, and White.

Texas

(1) Infected counties: Bandera, Bastrop, Bexar, Blanco, Basque, Burnett, Dallas, Erath, Fayette, Gillespie, Hamilton, Kendall, Kerr, Lampasas, Lavaca, McLennan, Midland, Tarrant, Travis, Williamson.

Virginia

(1) Infected counties: Aleghany, Augusta, Bath, Botetoust, Clarke, Frederick, Giles, Highland, Lee, Loudoun, Montgomery, Page, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Scott, Shenandoah, Smyth, Warren, Washington, Wise, and Wythe.

West Virginia

(1) Infected counties: all counties except Tucker and Webster.

Wisconsin

(1) Infected counties: Adams, Brown, Buffalo, Chippewa, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Dunn, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, La Crosse, Lafayette, Lincoln, Marquette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Oconto, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Racine, Richland, Rock, St. Croix, Sauk, Shawano, Trempealeau, Vernon, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago, and Wood.

Phony Peach

Alabama

(1) Entire state.

Arkansas

(1) Counties of Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Columbia, Crittendon, Cross, Desha, Drew, Hempstead, Howard, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lee, Lincoln, Little River, Miller, Monroe, Nevada, Phillips, Pike, Poinsett, St. Francis, Sevier, Union, and Woodruff.

Florida

(1) Entire state.

Georgia

(1) Entire state.

Kentucky

(1) County of McCracken.

Louisiana

(1) Parishes of Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Jackson, Lincoln, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Red River and Union.

Mississippi

(1) Entire state.

Missouri

(1) County of Dunklin.

North Carolina

(1) Counties of Anson, Cumberland, Gaston, Hoke, Polk and Rutherford.

South Carolina

(1) Counties of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Cherokee, Chesterfield, Edgefield, Greenville, Lancaster, Laurens, Lexington, Marlboro, Orangeburg, Richland, Saluda, Spartanburg, Sumter, and York.

Tennessee

(1) Counties of Chester, Crockett, Dyer, Fayette, Hardman, Hardin, Lake, Lauderdale, McNairy, Madison, and Weakley.

Texas

(1) Counties of Anderson, Bexar, Brazos, Cherokee, Freestone, Limestone, McLennan, Milan, Rusk, San Augustine, Smith, and Upshur.

Citrus Canker

(*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *citri*)

Any areas designated as quarantined under the Federal Citrus Canker quarantine 7 CFR 301.75 et seq.

Pine Shoot Beetle

[*Tomicus piniperda* (L.)]

Illinois

(1) Counties of Boone, Bureau, Carroll, Champaign, Clark, Coles, Cook, DeKalb, De Witt, DuBage, Grundy, Henry, Iroquois, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, Livingston, Macon, Marshall, Mason, McHenry, McLean, Moultrie, Ogle, Peoria, Piatt, Putnam, Shelby, Stephenson, Tazewell, Vermilion, Whiteside, Will, Winnebago, and Woodford.

Indiana

(1) Counties of Adams, Allen, Bartholomew, Benton, Blackford, Boone, Brown, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, DeKalb, Delaware, Elkhart, Fayette, Fountain, Franklin, Fulton, Grant, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Henry, Howard, Huntington, Jasper, Jay, Johnson, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Lake, LaPorte, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Miami, Montgomery, Monroe, Morgan, Newton, Noble, Owen, Parke, Porter, Pulaski, Putnam, Randolph, Rush, Shelby, St. Joseph, Starke, Steuben, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Union, Vermillion, Wabash, Warren, Wayne, Wells, White and Whitley.

Maine

(1) Counties of Franklin and Oxford.

Maryland

(1) Counties of Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, Montgomery and Washington.

Michigan

(1) Counties of Alcona, Allegan, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Barry, Bay, Benzie, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Charlevoix, Chippewa, Cheboygan, Clare, Clinton, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Eaton, Emmet, Genesee, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Huron, Ingham, Ionia, Iosco, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kalkaska, Kent, Lake, Lenawee, Lapeer, Leelanau, Livingston, Luce, Mackinac, Macomb, Manistee, Marquette, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Monroe, Montcalm, Montmorency, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oakland, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Ottawa, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Saginaw, Sanilac, Schoolcraft, Shiawassee, St. Clare, St. Joseph, Tuscola, Van Buren, Washtenaw, Wayne and Wexford.

New Hampshire

(1) County of Coos.

New York

(1) Counties of Albany, Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Erie, Fulton, Genesee, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Livingston, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Niagara, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Orleans, Oswego, Otsego, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, St. Lawrence, Sullivan, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates.

Ohio

(1) Counties of Allen, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Auglaize, Belmont, Butler, Cameron, Carroll, Champaign, Clark, Columbiana, Coshocton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Darke, Defiance, Delaware, Erie, Fairfield, Franklin, Fulton, Gallia, Geauga, Greene, Guernsey, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Henry, Hocking, Holmes, Huron, Knox, Jefferson, Lake, Licking, Logan, Lorain, Lucas, Madison, Mahoning, Marion, Medina, Mercer, Miami, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Noble, Ottawa, Paulding, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Portage, Preble, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Shelby, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Union, Van Wert, Vinton, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Williams, Wood and Wyndot.

Pennsylvania

(1) Counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Bradford, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Fulton, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lycoming, McKean, Mercer, Potter, Somerset, Susquehanna, Tioga, Venango, Warren, Washington, Westmoreland and Wyoming.

Vermont

(1) Counties of Caladonia, Essex, Orleans and Washington.

Virginia

(1) County of Clarke.

West Virginia

(1) The entire state.

Wisconsin

Counties of Grant, Green, Kenosha and Rock.

Any other areas designated as quarantined under the Federal Pine Shoot Beetle quarantine 7 CFR 301.50 et seq.

Bob Odom
Commissioner

0404#036

POTPOURRI

Department of Environmental Quality Office of Environmental Assessment Environmental Planning Division

Baton Rouge Ozone Attainment Demonstration State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision

Under the authority of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, R. S. 30:2001 et seq., the secretary gives notice that the Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Planning Division, Plan Development Section, will submit a revision to the SIP for the five-parish Baton Rouge ozone nonattainment area to implement specific emission reduction control strategies and demonstrate compliance with the one-hour ozone air quality standard. The SIP revision is mandated under the requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments.

The Baton Rouge ozone nonattainment area, namely Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge Parishes, did not attain the one-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) by November 15, 1999, which was the attainment date for serious nonattainment areas set forth by the Clean Air Act. As a result the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), by operation of law, reclassified the Baton Rouge area from serious to severe nonattainment effective June 24, 2003. In accordance with this reclassification, a SIP revision will be submitted to the EPA no later than June 23, 2004.

A public hearing will be held at 1:30 pm on May 25, 2004, in the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Room C-111, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, please contact Vivian H. Aucoin at (225) 219-3575 or at the address listed below. Interested persons are invited to attend and submit oral comments on the proposal.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the SIP no later than 4:30 p.m., May 28, 2004, to Vivian H. Aucoin, Office of Environmental Assessment, Box 4314, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4314 or to fax (225) 219-3582 or by e-mail to vivian.aucoin@la.gov.

A copy of the SIP may be viewed from 8:a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the DEQ Public Records Center, Room 127, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA.

James H. Brent, Ph.D.
Assistant Secretary

0404#053

POTPOURRI

Division of Administration Office of Community Development

Public Hearing? FY 2003 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report and Consolidated Plan for FY 2005-FY 2009

As set forth in 24 CFR Part 91, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires state agencies that administer certain HUD programs to incorporate their planning and application requirements into

one master plan called the Consolidated Plan. In Louisiana the four state agencies participating in this consolidated planning process and the HUD-funded program administered by each agency include the Division of Administration/Office of Community Development (Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program), the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency (HOME Investment Partnerships Program), the Department of Social Services/Office of Community Services (Emergency Shelter Grants Program), and the Department of Health and Hospitals/HIV/AIDS Program (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program). A summary of the four programs follows.

The Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program provides financial assistance to parishes of less than 200,000 persons and municipalities with a population of less than 50,000 in their efforts to provide a suitable living environment, decent housing, essential community facilities, and expanded economic opportunities. Eligible activities include community infrastructure systems such as water, sewer, and street improvements, community centers, housing rehabilitation, and economic development assistance in the form of grants and loans. Projects funded under this program must principally benefit persons of low and moderate income.

The objectives of the Home Investment Partnerships Program are: to expand the supply of decent and affordable housing for low and very low income persons, to stabilize the existing deteriorating owner occupied and rental housing stock through rehabilitation, to provide financial and technical assistance to recipients/subrecipients, and to extend and strengthen partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and nonprofit organizations, in the production and operation of affordable housing.

The purpose of the Emergency Shelter Grants Program is to help local governments and community organizations to improve and expand shelter facilities serving homeless individuals and families, to meet the cost of operating homeless shelters, to provide essential services, and to perform homeless prevention activities.

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program provides localities with the resources and incentives to devise and implement long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of persons with acquired immuno-deficiency syndrome (AIDS) or related diseases and their families.

The four agencies implementing these programs are preparing their consolidated annual performance and evaluation report for the FY 2003 program year which ended March 31, 2004. The purpose of that document is to report on the progress the state has made in addressing the goals and objectives identified in its Consolidated Plan for FY 2000-FY 2004 and FY 2003 Consolidated Annual Action Plan.

The four agencies administering these programs are also beginning to prepare the Consolidated Plan for FY 2005-FY 2009. The Consolidated Plan will include a one year action plan for the proposed distribution of funds received under the FY 2005 federal funding allocation for the aforementioned four HUD programs.

The state will hold public hearings for a two-fold purpose regarding these programs.

The first purpose of the hearings will be to receive comments on the state's performance during the FY 2003 program year. Copies of the consolidated annual performance and evaluation report will be available for review and each agency will present a summary of its accomplishments as identified in the performance report. For those persons who are unable to attend the public hearings, copies of the performance report will be available for review beginning May 3, 2004, at the Office of Community Development, Claiborne Building, Suite 7-270, 1201 North Third Street in Baton Rouge, at the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency at 2415 Quail Drive in Baton Rouge, at the Department of Social Services/Office of Community Services at 333 Laurel Street, Room 821 in Baton Rouge, and at the Department of Health and Hospitals/HIV/AIDS Program Office at 234 Loyola Avenue, Fifth Floor, in New Orleans. Written comments on the performance report may be submitted beginning May 3, 2004, and will be accepted until May 19, 2004. Comments may be mailed to the Office of Community Development, Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095 or faxed to 225-342-1947.

The second purpose of the hearings will be to obtain views on the housing and community development needs throughout the state; those comments will assist the agencies in developing the Consolidated Plan for FY 2005-FY 2009. For those persons who are unable to attend the public hearings, written comments on the needs of the state may be submitted beginning May 3, 2004, and will be accepted until May 19, 2004. Written comments may be mailed to the Office of Community Development, Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095 or faxed to 225-342-1947.

The public hearings will be held on May 3, 2004, at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the West Baton Rouge Parish Library, 830 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen, LA, and at 1:30 p.m. on May 4, 2004, in the Council Chambers at the Pineville City Hall, 910 Main Street, Pineville, LA. These facilities are accessible to persons with physical disabilities. Non-English speaking persons and persons with other disabilities requiring special accommodations should contact the Office of Community Development at 225-342-7412 or Louisiana Relay Service TDD 800-846-5277 or at the mailing address or fax number in the preceding paragraph at least five working days prior to each hearing.

Jerry Luke LeBlanc
Commissioner

0404#061

POTPOURRI

Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Public Health

Public Hearing? Preventive Health
and Health Services Block Grant

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, will hold a public hearing to receive input from the public on the Louisiana Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant as administered annually by

DHH/OPH. The public hearing will take place on May 12, 2004, beginning at 9 a.m. in Room 118 of the Blanche Appleby Computer Complex Building (on the Jimmy Swaggart Ministries Campus), 6867 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

All interested persons are invited to attend and present data, views, comments, or arguments, orally or in writing. A copy of the grant may be obtained from Avis Richard-Griffin, DHH/OPH/Center for Health Policy, Information and Promotion/Policy, Planning and Evaluation Section. You may also contact Ms. Griffin at 1201 Capitol Access Road, Bin 4, Baton Rouge, LA 70804 or by telephone at (225) 342-1865 for additional information.

Frederick P. Cerise, M.D., M.P.H.
Secretary

0404#081

POTPOURRI

Department of Natural Resources Office of Conservation

Orphaned Oilfield Sites

Office of Conservation records indicate that the oilfield sites listed in the table below have met the requirements as set forth by Section 91 of Act 404, R.S. 30:80 et seq., and as such are being declared orphaned oilfield sites.

| Operator | Field | District | Well Name | Well Number | Serial Number |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Charles R. Houssiere, Jr., Inc. | Jennings | L | Donnelly et al. | 001 | 071854 |
| Leonard J. Maxwell | Jennings | L | Heywood | 003 | 025964 |
| Harold Bates | Monroe | M | Bates Fee | 1 | 086119 |
| F & F Drilling Company | Wildcat-No La | S | Nunley | 3 | 013545 |
| Texas Liberty Gas Corporation | Bayou Rambio | L | Lawrence Voision et al. | 002 | 088194 |
| C. L. Morris, Inc. | West Catahoula Lake | M | Urania Lbr. Co. | 001-SWD | 070224 (30) |
| L. B. Wright, Inc. | Port Barre | L | J. C. Cormier et al. | 002 | 077694 (30) |

James H. Welsh
Commissioner

0404#060

POTPOURRI

Department of Natural Resources Office of the Secretary Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund

Loran Coordinates

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:700.1 et seq., notice is given that 32 claims in the amount of \$90,334.66 were received for payment during the period March 1, 2004-March 31, 2004.

There were 29 claims paid and 3 claims denied.

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates of reported underwater obstructions are:

| | | |
|----------|----------|-------------|
| 2906.895 | 9126.861 | Jefferson |
| 2908.190 | 9007.200 | Lafourche |
| 2908.903 | 9006.214 | Jefferson |
| 2911.969 | 9020.497 | Lafourche |
| 2911.990 | 9020.460 | Lafourche |
| 2913.180 | 9003.100 | Jefferson |
| 2914.654 | 8942.608 | Plaquemines |
| 2915.025 | 9035.273 | Terrebonne |
| 2916.590 | 9122.760 | St Mary |
| 2917.048 | 8953.700 | Jefferson |
| 2917.550 | 8950.640 | Jefferson |
| 2922.016 | 8935.984 | Plaquemines |
| 2923.251 | 9002.430 | Jefferson |
| 2923.559 | 8958.149 | Jefferson |
| 2924.350 | 9148.300 | Iberia |
| 2925.060 | 9135.560 | St Mary |
| 2925.391 | 9032.018 | Terrebonne |
| 2925.422 | 9033.233 | Terrebonne |
| 2930.055 | 9002.747 | Jefferson |
| 2931.060 | 9138.393 | St Mary |
| 2936.180 | 8933.450 | Plaquemines |
| 2937.437 | 9006.990 | Jefferson |
| 2937.502 | 9139.809 | Iberia |
| 2937.514 | 9007.184 | Jefferson |
| 2939.283 | 9147.390 | St Mary |
| 2940.030 | 9006.790 | Jefferson |
| 2942.801 | 8933.090 | St Bernard |
| 2983.875 | 8916.324 | St Bernard |
| 3003.516 | 8941.316 | St Bernard |
| 4142.130 | 9003.298 | Jefferson |

A list of claimants and amounts paid can be obtained from Verlie Wims, Administrator, Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund, P.O. Box 44277, Baton Rouge, LA 70804 or you can call (225)342-0122.

Scott A. Angelle
Secretary

0404#074

POTPOURRI

Department of Revenue Policy Services Division

Natural Gas Severance Tax Rate

The natural gas severance tax rate, effective July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005, has been set at 20.8 cents per thousand cubic feet (MCF) measured at a base pressure of 15.025 pounds per square inch absolute and at the temperature base of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

This tax rate is set each year by multiplying the natural gas severance tax base rate of 7 cents per MCF by the "gas base rate adjustment" determined by the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources in accordance with R.S. 47:633(9)(d)(i). The "gas base rate adjustment" is a fraction, of which the numerator is the average of the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) Henry Hub settled price on

the last trading day for the month, as reported in the Wall Street Journal for the previous 12-month period ending on March 31, and the denominator is the average of the monthly average spot market prices of gas fuels delivered into the pipelines in Louisiana as reported by the Natural Gas Clearing House for the 12-month period ending March 31, 1990 (1.7446 \$/MMBTU).

Based on this computation, the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources has determined the natural gas severance "gas base rate adjustment" for April 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004, to be 296.44 percent. Applying this gas base rate adjustment to the base tax rate of 7 cents per MCF produces a tax rate of 20.8 cents per MCF effective July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005. The reduced natural gas severance tax rates provided for in R.S. 47:633(9)(b) and (c) remain the same.

The "gas base rate adjustment" and the "gas tax rate" are being published as required by R.S. 47:633(9)(d)(i). Questions concerning the natural gas severance tax rate should be directed to the Taxpayer Services Division, Severance Tax Section at (225) 219-2200.

Cynthia Bridges
Secretary

0404#035

POTPOURRI

Department of Social Services Bureau of Licensing

Applications for Licensing

The DSS Bureau of Licensing is announcing that, effective July 1, 2004, all providers who are licensed through this office will be solely responsible for obtaining the required forms to apply for the renewal of a license for all of the 15 programs for which this office is responsible.

Applications for renewal of a license to continue operating a child day care center, adult day care center, adult residential facility, child residential facility, adoption agency, foster care agency, emergency shelter, family support services, infant intervention services, maternity home, personal care attendant services, respite care services, supervised independent services, or transitional living facility, shall be made to the Bureau of Licensing at least 30 calendar days prior to the anniversary date of the current license and shall be on the required form.

Application forms can be downloaded from the Licensing website at: http://www.dss.state.la.us/departments/os/Licensing_.html Computer access is available at all public libraries.

A renewal of a license shall be issued if, upon investigation, the provider continues to meet and maintain minimum standards prescribed by the department and the annual fee is paid.

If the application for renewal and fee are not received timely (30 days prior to the provider's anniversary date) and the application is not completed thoroughly and accurately, the provider's license will expire on the expiration date shown on the license. If the provider continues to operate the facility after the expiration date, the provider will be reported to the DSS General Counsel for operating an unlicensed facility.

This cost saving measure has become necessary as the Bureau of Licensing seeks ways to operate more efficiently and perform quality work.

All currently-licensed providers will be sent a notice alerting them to this change.

Ann Silverberg Williamson
Secretary

0404#100